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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR INFO ON OMANI FISHERIES PROGRAM

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1. EMBASSY FRANKLY SKEPTICAL OF "NATIONAL RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT INTERNATIONAL". BBME REPORTS IN CONFIDENCE THAT ABDULLAH MOHAMED EIDED (PRONOUNCED "EYEDDEED") HAS NO RPT NO RESOURCES. DIRECTOR OF FISHIRIES (A DHOFARI) ADDS HE WORKED WITH CRAWFORD ON FMC FARM AND THAT HIS BUSINESS ACTIVITIES LARGELY RESTRICTED TO IMPORTING INDIAN LABORERS; HOWEVER EMPHASIZED HE NOT RPT NOT DISHONEST. SUGGEST NEF EITHER DROP COMPANY OR DEMAND DOCUMENTED EXPLANATION OF BASIS FOR REQUEST FROM CRAWFORD.

2. RE OMANI FISHERIES PROGRAM PLANS, DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR REPORTS THEY INTEND TO IMPORT THEIR OWN TRAWLERS AND ESTABLISH ICE PLANTS WITHOUT UNDERTAKING FURTHER FEASIBILITY STUDY. TWO AMERICAN COMPANIES, MARDELA AND DEL MONTE, ARE MORE OR LESS INVOLVED IN THIS DEVELOPMENT. WE SUSPECT MIN FISHERIES WOULDN'T BE INCLINED TO ENTERTAIN PROPOSAL FROM YET ANOTHER AMERICAN COMPANY. HOWEVER, IF NEF WISHES, IT CAN WRITE SAID AHMAD AL-SHANFARI MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES, PETROLEUM AND MINERALS, P.O. BOX 550, MUSCAT.
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